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SUBJECT: Evasion and Escape School (Restricted)

TO: Commanding Officer  
Air Resupply and Communications Service  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Due to the nature of the missions assigned to the Air Resupply and Communications Service and the Air Rescue Service, as well as certain other Military Air Transport Service organizations, a Command wide requirement exists for a formal centralized course of instruction in evasion and escape techniques and related basic survival procedures. To meet this requirement, it is requested that your Headquarters establish an Evasion and Escape School. This request is made to your Service inasmuch as you presently have in existence such a course for ARCS personnel, and the location of Mountain Home Air Force Base is considered ideally located for this type instruction.

2. Generally, the scope of training to be conducted will include three distinct phases: classroom instruction in all-climatic survival procedures, field training under actual conditions, and specialized evasion and escape techniques. The academic phase must, of necessity, be somewhat generalized, covering basic all-climatic information rather than any specific geographic area. Field training will stress mountainous temperate and arctic conditions, or summer conditions, depending upon the season and available training areas. Evasion and escape procedures and techniques should generally follow material presented in Department of the Air Force Evasion and Escape Bulletin Number 25, dated 20 December 1951 (CONFIDENTIAL). Deviations and additions to information contained in this bulletin may be made to satisfy Air Rescue Service and Air Resupply and Communications Service requirements. Normally this should pose no particular difficulty from a security clearance standpoint in view of paragraph 8e(1), Air Force Regulation 205-6 as amended.

3. As presently planned, all ARCS and ARS flight crews will attend this school, certain unit instructors will be trained for Air Transport Divisions and the Air Weather Service, and Air Rescue team members will receive instruction in the evasion and escape phase only. The school should be organized to be capable of training the following number of personnel yearly:

ARCS Air Crew Members	550
ARS Air Crew Members	700
Air Transport Unit Instructors	50
AWS Unit Instructors	30
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In addition to the above, forty (40) Air Rescue Service Team members will be trained every 120 days in evasion and escape techniques only.

4. Instructor spaces must come from within present ARCS authorizations. The Air Rescue Service, which is the only MATS instructor source, is being requested to coordinate with your Headquarters to determine the number of instructors which can be made available to your Service. Upon notification of the number the Air Rescue Service will furnish, this headquarters will direct the necessary transfers to your Service.

5. Requirements for necessary supplies and equipment will be established by your Headquarters, and all items which are not available at Mountain Home AFB will be requisitioned by school authorities under authority contained in paragraph 59, Section VI, Part I, AFM 67-1. These requisitions will be submitted to this Headquarters, attention: MAMIG, together with complete justification and supporting documents.

6. It is desired that this school be established and prepared to accept students for training not later than 1 May 1952. Curricula, together with time allotments for each separate phase, will be established and submitted to this headquarters for review and approval, as will all major changes. In order to insure equitable allotments and to satisfy priority requirements, student quotas will be issued by this headquarters.

7. It is understood that the training area now in use near Mountain Home AFB may possibly be vacated in the near future. Funds required for rehabilitation of another area should be submitted, if required, as soon as possible. Inasmuch as this school was not programmed, fund requests will be held to an absolute minimum.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL SMITH:

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